Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a), (b) and (c)The Government have no statistics to enable them to furnish information on the points.

Medical attendance—College Hostels.

607. Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how long an Assistant Surgeon of the Ernakulam General Hospital has been deputed for medical attendance on the inmates of His Highness the Maharaja's College Hostels;

(b) what monthly allowance he is being given;

(c) whether Dr. Pai, the Assistant Surgeon so deputed is the nominee of Mr. Pai, the Warden;

(d) under the circumstances the warden's opinion in the matter was sought by the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer;

(e) whether this procedure has been followed in the case of medical attendance at the Residential Palace as well as in that of the Medical Inspection of Schools;

(f) why Dr. T. Gopala Menon, Dr. Pai's senior, was not deputed for the work which he was made to attend to while Dr. Pai was in charge of the Cranganur Hospital?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) From 24th Thulam 1107.

(b) A monthly allowance of Rs. 25 except for the mid-summer vacation when the hostels are closed.

(c) Yes.

(d) As the responsibility of looking after the welfare of the students rests with the Warden, the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer thought that the Warden also should have a voice in the selection of the Medical Officer. Tha Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer therefore asked the Warden whom of the three Assistant Surgeons then available in the General Hospital he would prefer.

(e) It has been followed in the matter of medical attendance at the Residential Palace, but not in the case of medical inspection of schools for which there is a separate staff appointed.

(f) Because the Warden wanted the services of Dr. Pai. There are seniors to Assistant Surgeon Gopala Menon also in the Hospital.

Grades of District Registrars.

608. Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(a) how many grades of District Registrars are there in the State;

(b) how many Registrars are there in each grade;

(c) what is the scale of pay of each grade and the rate of increment;

(d) how many graduates are there as Registrars;

(e) have not the work of the Registrars increased since their appointment as Assistant Registrars of Joint Stock Companies;

(f) is not the nature of work done by the Registrars identically the same;

(g) have the Government received any complaints from the Registrars regarding the raising of their minimum pay and reducing the number of grades?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) 4 grades.

(b) 1st grade .. 1
2nd grade .. 2
3rd grade .. 7
and 4th grade .. 15 plus 2 temporary.

(c) 1st grade Rs. 125—5—150
2nd grade Rs. 100—5—125
3rd grade Rs. 80—4—100
4th grade Rs. 60—4—80

(d) All except 10 are either graduates or graduates-in law.

(e) Yes, to some extent.

(f) Yes.

(g) No.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Have the Government an idea to reduce the number of grades in the District Registrars ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is no such idea.

Guest House, Ernakulam.

609. Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state:

(1) is there a Guest House at present at Ernakulam;

(2) if not, do the Government intend to provide a Guest House?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) The Guest House at Ernakulam is at present used as the Diwan's quarters.

(2) The question will be considered when funds permit.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—My question is, is there a Guest House at present at Ernakulam?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The answer is given that the Guest House is used as the Diwan's quarters.

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